

# The China Mail.

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## Business Notices.

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News in Brief.

Mr. C. O. Beggs, the shipowner, has been compelled by continued ill-health to resign his seat in the Straits Legislative Council.

It is proposed to hold a Regatta at Singapore on the 14th inst. There are four entries for the scratch four-oared event, six for the handicap double sculls, and four for the handicap single sculls.

The Post Office will be closed on Monday, the 7th inst. (Bank Holiday) except from 9 to 9 a.m. Correspondence for local delivery may be posted up to 9 a.m. The night box will be left open. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The 'King's Own' Regimental team defeated the Singapore C.C. in the semi-final for the Singapore Football Cup by 2 goals to 1. Lawrence, whose play is well remembered in Hongkong, was the best forward on the field. Lieut. Leithridge played as centre forward.

As more than one hundred gentlemen have enrolled as volunteers at Penang, the Straits Legislative Council is voting a sum of \$7500 for initial expenditure and \$5000 for current expenses. The War Office is very anxious to foster the Volunteers nowadays. The present day policy contrasts favourably with the penny-wise policy of not in my years ago.

**The Plague.**  
During the twenty-four hours ended at noon yesterday, there were 2 cases of plague and 2 deaths from that disease reported to the Sanitary Board.

**Training Home for Chinese Girls.**  
Miss Davies begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the Building Fund for the 'Training Home for Chinese Girls,' London Mission.

Lau Tai Fung	5
Wong Tai Fung	5
Li Kiu	10
Li Yik Shing	10
Li Yik Shing	10
Li Kung Shik	5
Li Kung Shik	5

Smart Capture by a Hawker.

Yesterday afternoon, a Chinese hawker made a very smart capture of an earring snatcher after a long and exciting chase. A Chinese woman walking along Queen's Road had her earring-snatched from behind by a Chinaman. The thief in pulling out the earrings tore the woman's ear. A hawker sitting at his stall at the corner of Ladder Street and Lower Lascar Row heard the woman scream, and saw the thief running away. The hawker chased the prisoner along Ladder Street, Lower Lascar Row, Claverton Street, Queen's Road and Winkler Street, where he effected the arrest of the prisoner. He handed the man over to a district watchman, who took him to the Central Station. At the Magistrate's trial, Mr. H. Gompertz, Acting Police Magistrate, sentenced the prisoner to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour. The Magistrate complimented the hawker on the services he had rendered, and awarded him a sum of \$1.

Lawyers at a Discount.

Considerable ill-feeling has been caused by a law class of lawyers, including Filipinos and Americans, charging exorbitant fees and making it appear impossible to dispense with legal assistance. This has been particularly noticed in the matter of applications for permits for natives to go through the lines, the exorbitant Filipinos before what the lawyer-charges tell them and allow themselves to be shamelessly plundered. The Government has therefore ordered that all such applications in future must be brought by the applicant in person, through a lawyer. —*Minuta Times.*

What She Exhibited.

Some time ago there was a local exhibition to a certain Swedish town and a farmer's daughter made a marvellous cake. A fat slab, composed chiefly of almonds and sugar, and sent it to the exhibitors. But, though she gave her name and address, she did not think it necessary to put a name to the product. Not long after she received a gratifying letter from the manager of the show to the effect that, though her exhibit was not decided, they could not refrain from awarding it a prize for the elegant specimen of its kind. She sent the composition was quite unknown to them, but they could recommend it as admirable for stabling, it being so hard and firm that the heaviest horse could not indent it. She did not distinguish herself as expected.

Captain Deasy's Explorations.

An Allahabad telegram dated July 20 says:—Capt. H. P. Deasy has arrived at Loh having been compelled to abandon his journey owing to the active opposition of the Chinese officials in Eastern Tibet. The Amban of Keri presented the people from assisting Capt. Deasy, and he was compelled to travel, via the Polo Gorge to Aksai, and Tibet owing to no help of any kind being obtainable. One man and one pony were killed, and a baggage was lost in the very difficult Polo Gorge. Deasy pursued for several days consecutively in very severe weather brought on a prolonged attack of rheumatic fever in the Sub Surgeon, incapacitating him from work, and finally Capt. Deasy was compelled to abandon his journey. As the Chinese had ordered the Polo route to be destroyed in order to prevent his returning to Polo he was forced to travel to Loh. There is some reason to suspect that the Amban of Keri acted under orders from the Tibetan, although this official had assured Mr. Macartney, the Special Assistant Chinese Agent, Kashgar, that Capt. Deasy's journey to Tibet was not to be hindered, and that he would not again experience trouble or opposition.

REUTERS TELEGRAMS.

**THE QUEEN'S CUP AT COWES.**  
The House of Commons has passed the Colonial Loans Bill.

**THE TRANSVAAL.**  
The prolongation of the crisis is raising business in South Africa.

Mr. Chamberlain, replying to Mr. Byn-Roberts in the House of Commons, said that the proposed Transvaal Joint Enquiry would be confined to details of reform, and would not be a general inquiry into the representation to the Transvaal.

ITALY IN CHINA.

The two Italian cruisers en route to China will deliver the two now at this station, which will return home.

FAREWELL ADDRESS TO SIR WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.

We have received for publication the following letter from the Hon. Secretary:—

28 Evelyn Mansions, 6th July, 1899.

F. Henderson, Esq., Honorary Secretary Address Committee, Hongkong.

Dear Mr. Henderson,  
I have to-day received the Address and About presented to me by the community of Hongkong on the termination of my administration of the Government of the Colony, which was forwarded with your letter of the 25th of May.

I need hardly say that I value them most highly. They will be a most interesting and happy reminder in a Colony which is every day increasing in prosperity and importance, and in which I shall always take the deepest interest.

With many thanks to you and the Committee, I am, faithfully yours,  
(Sd.) WILLIAM ROBINSON.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 5th at 10.30 a.m. Red Drum habited, 10.30 a.m. Typhoon near South Foreland, moving N.W. The barometer is falling rapidly in the Fuzhou Channel and on the coast of China, rising over Japan and the Southern Philippines. Forecast: N.W. wind, increasing; fine at first, unsettled later. Red weather between Hongkong and the coast.

TYPHOON.

The typhoon is crossing the S. part of the Fuzhou Channel. It will probably enter the coast between Amoy and Swatow.

Civil Police Force for Manila.

The Manila Times of the 21st July says:—Over three hundred applications for membership in the civil police force have been received at the office of the chief of police up to date. The most of them were written in Spanish and were therefore not considered. The rules have been established and will be strictly adhered to, that all applications shall be written in English. Several Spaniards have sent in their applications, which were refused as the authorities have decided that the main force shall be composed of natives. According to Gen. Otis's order, the chief of police recommended the salaries for the new policemen and the uniform. He handed the man over to a district watchman, who took him to the Central Station. At the Magistrate's trial, Mr. H. Gompertz, Acting Police Magistrate, sentenced the prisoner to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour. The Magistrate complimented the hawker on the services he had rendered, and awarded him a sum of \$1.

The United Filipino Party.

The following dispatch appears in the Chicago Chronicle:—Hongkong, 7th May. A brother of President Lagoon of Negros arrived here today with letters of introduction from General Otis to Consul Williams. He came to purchase steamers for trade between the islands under the American flag. In an interview Mr. Lagoon said: The proclamation of the American commissioners is entirely satisfactory. It gives us autonomy and greater liberty than we demanded. We believe that America will not feel us with treaties as Spain forced us, but he listened to the statements of the Hongkong junta, whose members are American. Negros wants nothing to do with Aguirre's proposed conference. We are as loyal as New York, and our soldiers now march under the American flag.

News from Spanish Prisoners.

Two ladies, one Spanish, the other Filipino, arrived in Manila yesterday (July 29) from Tula. They are wives of Spanish officers held prisoner by the Filipinos at that point. Their trip occupied two days owing to the impassable condition of the roads. According to their story (says the Manila Times) the major part of the Spanish soldiers-prisoners are in the vicinity of Arayat, that is those who were in the province of Cavite. They enjoy liberty, but are in the most deplorable circumstances, hungry and almost naked. The Filipinos treat them well, but to a degree. The soldiers work in the rice fields to supply the natives, or endeavor to get employment whenever they can. Upon the return of the American troops, in the early part of this month, the prisoners were compelled to cross Mount Sungei, over a road that the ladies claim was almost under water from the rains.

A New Departure at Singapore.

The Free Press of the 26th July says:—A sitting of the Legislative Council will be held at Government House at 9 p.m. tonight. This unusual hour has been fixed because it is found inconvenient for some members to attend this afternoon or to-morrow, and it is desired to get on with the Penak Bill and the Indian Immigration Bill while the Mr. Vernon is down here. We do not remember the Council meeting anywhere than in its own Chamber during the last fifteen years. There have been sittings prolonged into the evening, illuminated by a few candles, shrouded in gloom, and there, Government House is a more convenient place than the Council Chamber for night meetings, but Mr. Vernon suggests that when the Penak members come down for the Estimates, when day to day sittings will probably take place, that the electric light should be introduced temporarily into the Council Chamber. While that matter is under consideration, it might be as well to try and do something to remedy the present bad acoustic properties of the Chamber. It is almost impossible to hear any of the speakers at the far end of the table, and yesterday night the members were unable to catch the words of the Hon. Commissioner's Petition when it was read.

CHUTNEY.

(Manufactured by the Firm of Irresponsible, Chatter and Co.)

We are on the Kowloon side of 'uncle gold,' and when the Sabbath releases us from the arduous duties of the week we like to spend it with becoming reverence by attending hark at any rate once a day.

We leave that building with all sorts of good intentions palpitating in our breasts, and filling our innermost thoughts of what we will do in the week to come towards the gold of mankind in general and ourselves in particular, but when we leave the ferry launch on the Kowloon shore a trial awaits us, and it is then that man's power to bear up under the most afflicting circumstances is freely demonstrated. Turning into Elgin Road one has to pass an iron shed erected by the Godown Company, which wafts odours not of Arabi the best to the sensitive nostrils of the homecoming churchgoers. The rest of the journey home is performed in silence, each individual member of the community carrying home a load of unuttered profanity and—

THE BATTLE BETWEEN MAITUS CONSCIENTIOUS AND LONGUS.

To the Editor of the 'China Mail,'  
Hongkong, August 6, 1899.

Sir,—The struggle between two distinguished members of our small community having now become a matter of ancient history, I venture to offer you for publication the following Lay of Old Chutney, with the most sincere apologies to the late Lord Maitus.

Such a titanic struggle as I have endeavored to immortalize in my halting verse, which must have been the cause of your cooperation in handing it down to posterity. —Yours faithfully,

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New Maitus Conscientious.

By the nine gods he swore  
That homeless ones upon the Peak  
Should trouble none as long as  
By the nine gods he swore it.  
And thus his conscience  
And hale his lankons ally forth  
To East and West and South and North.  
With ears to do away.

What he said to his Maitus.

When the diabolical news was brought;  
'Dared the devil shade my lankons  
I'll be the first to fight in the Court.'  
This was the end of Maitus.  
For the lankons had discarded  
The weather-briny vane, and  
His Policeman's uniform  
As his actions it retarded.

Longus before the Tribunal.

Was halted without delay,  
Changed with assuaging the Police;  
But the Tribunal said 'Nay';  
The man was not in uniform  
So took the case away.  
Then Longus Rufus danced with glee  
And said to Maitus, C.M.G.,  
'I'll make you rue this day.'

Now Maitus was a senator.

And a shrewd politician he;  
He curled his tongue within his cheek  
And said 'Ah, well, we'll see.'  
This was the end of Maitus.  
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Naval and Military.

The Hon. R. H. Bertie, who is to be appointed to the command of the 2nd Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers, at Hongkong, is second in command of the 1st Battalion. He joined the service in 1874, his company coming to him in 1881, and his majority in 1891. He was appointed second in command of the 1st Battalion in June, 1890.

Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, K.C.B., who has been placed on the retired list owing to age, has completed his fifty-fifth year. He was actively engaged in the Black Sea during the Crimean war, and in the operations before Sebastopol. He commanded the Naval Brigade during the operations against the Malays in the Peninsula. Sir Alexander, who has been aide-de-camp to the Queen, has held various appointments, that of Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Station, which he only recently relinquished.

THE ON LOONG MURDER.

PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH.

At the Supreme Court in Criminal Session, today, before His Hon. W. M. Gossman, Acting Chief Justice, and a special jury, the hearing was concluded of the charges of murder against Ng Ki Cheung, Ng Tung and Lai Tak Lap, at On Loong, in the new territory.

His Hon. J. F. Pollock, Acting Attorney General (instructed by Mr. P. B. L. Bowley) appeared for the Crown; Mr. M. W. Shiao (instructed by Mr. Bratton) appeared for the first and second prisoners; Mr. C. D. Melbourne appeared for the third man.

The jurors were—Messrs. A. J. Rozario, P. C. P. Sides, G. T. Veitch, A. H. B. Robinson, J. F. C. Johnson, G. Stewart, and A. Dawson.

The Lordship, in the course of his summing up, laid down the law of the case to the jury as follows:—

Murder is unlawful homicide with malice aforethought. If a unlawful killing is intended, it is murder. 'Malice' says Layley, J., in delivering the judgment of the Court in *R. v. Brown*, 1875, 1 Q.B. 120, is not a technical term, but it means a wrongful act done intentionally without just cause or excuse. If I give a perfect stranger a blow likely to produce death, I do it with malice because I do it without cause or excuse. Now those who have killed Cheung, Ng Tung and Lai Tak Lap, on the night of 17th April, or as the evidence tends to show soon after midnight, and therefore on the 18th April (the day is immaterial) were undoubtedly guilty of murder. No lawful justification for the act, no lawful excuse is suggested. But, in this case, it is necessary to define the legal responsibility of those who were present on the occasion of the murder. The popular idea of a 'murderer' is that he is the man who actually killed the victim. The legal definition of 'murderer' goes far beyond that. In *R. v. Jones, 1875, 1 Q.B. 120, the Lordship said: 'When several persons take part in the execution of a common criminal purpose, each is a principal in the second degree as respects every crime committed by any one of them in the execution of that purpose. The first instance here is a well-known case reported in *Index* (Plea of the Crown and known as the *St. George's Case*), in which several persons took part in the execution of a common criminal purpose, each is a principal in the second degree as respects every crime committed by any one of them in the execution of that purpose. The first instance here is a well-known case reported in *Index* (Plea of the Crown and known as the *St. George's Case*), in which several persons took part in the execution of a common criminal purpose, each is a principal in the second degree as respects every crime committed by any one of them in the execution of that purpose. 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